



Livable CommuniKeys

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Did you Know:

- 10% of all school children in Monroe County are located on Stock Island.
- There are 400 more males than females on Stock Island and Key Haven.
- The average household size on Key Haven 2.61 persons, larger than the County average of 2.23 persons.
- More traffic accidents occur on MacDonald Ave than any other street on Stock Island or Key Haven.

WANTED: Community Involvement

The Monroe County Planning and Environmental Resources Department has started the Livable CommuniKeys Program for Stock Island and Key Haven!

Participation from the community is **the key** to making Livable CommuniKeys a **success**. We recognize that citizens have knowledge about their community that is critically important. The LCP will give you the chance to share your knowledge in order to enhance your community.

You will have numerous opportunities throughout the process to express your views and to hear the viewpoints of other members of your community.



An Aerial view of Bernstein Park and the Dog Track

Please watch for future announcements about meetings and workshops in your area. We welcome any comments or questions about the Livable CommuniKeys program.

By the end of this program, we hope to build a consensus through the sharing of ideas and viewpoints and establish a new level of cooperation with planning and environmental resources staff.

Consultant Recommended

In June of 2003, the Board of County Commissioners approved the solicitation for a planning consulting firm to prepare a harbor redevelopment/preservation plan and a corridor enhancement plan for Stock Island.

The Planning Department interviewed three (3) firms and recommended Wallace, Roberts and Todd, LLC to the Board of County Commissioners to prepare the plan. The firm was able to show a well rounded ap-

proach to the plan and has had experience with similar communities and projects.

Further information regarding community participation will be provided at a later date.

Director's Welcome

Hello! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Livable CommuniKeys planning process. Stock Island and Key Haven are evolving and this will give you, the residents and property owners, the forum to voice your needs as well as your concerns for the future development of your community.



K. Marlene Conaway
Director, Planning and
Environmental Resources

My staff and I are very excited to be able to begin this planning process and we look forward to working with you. We will be in the community working as the plan progresses. Please feel free to contact my staff with any

questions you may have concerning the plan.

In addition to the site visits which have begun, keep an eye out for future postings concerning public meetings and opportunities for your voice to be heard. I look forward to meeting you at the scheduled public meeting on November 13, 2003. KMC

Livable CommuniKeys Mission

In 2000, the Board of County Commissioners determined that there was a need for community based planning throughout the County. This need was met with the establishment of the Livable CommuniKeys Program.

Each plan is intended to recognize

the uniqueness of each community. The plans will provide not only direction for future development/preservation, but also will look at

"The forum in which community and redevelopment plans are prepared"

the quality of life of those residents of the Stock Island community.

The final outcome of the plan will streamline development, increase input in planning decisions and improve the overall quality of service provided by the local County government.

Around Town



This section of the newsletter will be a regular section which will highlight a particular area,

business, organization or property located within the Stock Island—

Key Haven communities.

Prior to each newsletter being printed, Staff with the help of community input, will introduce an area/property/organization which 1) is a new business to town, 2) has outstanding landscaping/yard appearance, 3) has been involved in a

community activity, or 4) is an overall addition to the community.

If you would like to make a recommendation please contact Mo Meehan at 289-2500 or by email at

Meehan -Maureen
@monroecounty-fl.gov.



Who's Who

The Planning and Environmental Resources Department is proud to present the following staff, which will be working on the plan as well as in the community.

The Lower Keys Planning Team:

Fred Gross, Director of the planning team.

Maureen 'Mo' Meehan, Senior Planner, Project Manager of the Plan working on land use, economic development and tourism resources.

Rob Will, Senior Planner, working on demographics and parks and recreation.

Jerry Buckley, Senior Planner, working on transportation and cultural resources.

Jose Papa, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner, working on transportation.

Julie Cheon, Biologist working on



Pictured Left to Right: Rob Will, Jose Papa, Jerry Buckley, Mo Meehan, Fred Gross, Marlene Conaway, and Aref Joulani. Absent from photo, Julie Cheon.

environmental resources.

The following team members will be working with and in the community. Each member of the team brings dedication, enthusiasm, and a willingness to provide consistent planning services to the Stock Island—Key Haven community.

While the plan is in progress feel free to contact members of the team with questions or concerns you may have. This is your oppor-

tunity to make a difference and shape the community for the coming years.

In addition to phone calls and emails, Mo will be in the field one day a week in Stock Island. This will allow members of the community to meet face to face with a member of the staff without traveling to Marathon. Please contact her to meet on any available Thursday.

Visioning

The first opportunity for hands-on community involvement will take place at the visioning workshop, which will take place on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at the Florida Keys Community College Room #P 202. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

The workshop will consist of four



small group exercises.

The exercises will revolve around four issues:

- Favorite Places!
- Why here? What is special about living in your community?

- What do you like least about living on an island-what are the limitations?
- What type of additional development would you support?

Please come to the meeting with ideas and a smile!



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Community Meeting!



Purpose

- To **listen** to the wants and needs of the Community
- To **develop** a vision for the future of Stock Island and Key Haven.

Who

- Anyone who lives and/or owns property on Stock Island or Key Haven

Where

FKCC Room # P 202 A&B

When

November 13, 2003 ~ 7pm to 9pm
